



Town of Westport Parks & Recreation

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING USE OF MUNICIPAL BEACHES, YACHT BASINS, LONGSHORE CLUB PARK, PARK AREAS AND RECREATION FACILITIES 2021

PARKS AND RECREATION PROPERTY INCLUDES:

Baron's South Property	Hitchcock Park	Saugatuck Athletic Field
Burr Farms Athletic Fields	Jesup Green	St. John/Myrtle Ave. Park
Burying Hill Beach	Levitt Pavilion	Sherwood Mill Pond Preserve
Canal Beach	Library Riverwalk	Staples High School Athletic Fields
Canal Green	Lillian Wadsworth Arboretum	Stroffolino Park
Coleytown Schools Athletic Field	Long Lots School Athletic Fields	Town Farm
Compo Beach	Longshore Club Park	Town Farm Ball Complex
Doubleday Field Complex	Luciano Park	Town Hall Athletic Fields
Eloise A. Ray Park	Machamux Park	Veterans Green
Evan Harding Point	Newman Poses Preserve	Wakeman Park
Grace K. Salmon Park	Old Mill Beach	Winslow Park
Greens Farms School Athletic Fields	Pasacreta Park	
Hillspoint Athletic Fields	Riverside Park	

I. GENERAL RULES FOR PARKS AND RECREATION PROPERTY

THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLY TO ALL TOWN PROPERTY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AS LISTED ABOVE.

1. Written permission of the Parks and Recreation Department is required for events or gatherings involving any of the following:
 - Public invitation or advertising
 - Commercial catering services
 - Commercial rental of equipment (including tables, chairs, tent/canopy)
 - Amplified music or use of public address system
 - Sponsored by a commercial, business or non-profit organization
2. Any gathering without prior written permission of the Parks and Recreation Department may be required to discontinue use of the property by the Parks and Recreation Department Staff, if the event is in conflict with any other use of the property.
3. Use of a Parks and Recreation Facility in a manner which interferes with the use of an individual or group having prior written approval by the Parks and Recreation Department is prohibited.
4. Littering is prohibited.
5. Solicitation or sale of goods or services (selling of items, handing out promotion materials, demonstration of products) for commercial reasons without the prior written permission of the Westport Parks and Recreation Department is prohibited.



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6. The use of any motorized vehicle licensed or unlicensed (other than golf cars from the Longshore Golf Pro Shop) is prohibited, except on designated roadways, parking areas or other areas as designated by Parks and Recreation Department.
7. Hunting, carrying of firearms or discharge of firearms is prohibited at Longshore Club Park or the municipal beaches of the Town of Westport. Any person using a vessel or enroute to a vessel on Town of Westport property shall have the authority to carry a firearm to the vessel for the purpose of hunting when licensed to do so.
8. Hitting of golf balls is prohibited except at designated areas of Longshore Club Park associated with the golf course and Hendrick's Point golf range or activities sponsored by Parks and Recreation or Board of Education.
9. Feeding of waterfowl is prohibited.
10. Pitching of camping tents or overnight camping is prohibited without the prior written permission of the Parks and Recreation Department.
11. Erecting a tent or canopy 10' x 10' or larger is prohibited without prior written permission of the Parks and Recreation Department.
12. Tents or canopies are limited to one (1) per event, unless prior written permission is given by the Parks and Recreation Department.
13. The use of barbecue grills shall be permitted in designated areas only, and shall be properly extinguished before departure. Open burning is prohibited unless authorized by both the Parks and Recreation Department **and** the Fire Marshall's office.
14. No person shall wear or display any emblem or badge bearing the words "WESTPORT PARKS AND RECREATION GUEST SERVICES", or words or familiar import, or bearing words or symbols similar to those utilized by lifeguards of other Parks and Recreation employees in their official capacity without prior written authorization of the Westport Parks and Recreation Department.
15. Any provisions of these regulations may be waived by the Westport Parks and Recreation Commission under such terms and conditions as may be imposed by the Commission. The Commission may delegate decision making authority to the Parks and Recreation Director.
16. The Parks and Recreation Department and/or its agents may suspend privileges for unacceptable behavior as described in "Policies and Procedures Pertaining to Parks and Recreation Facilities", which are hereby incorporated into these regulations by reference.
17. Failure to leave a Parks and Recreation facility or discontinue the use of a Parks and Recreation facility when ordered to do so by a Parks and Recreation official or Police Officer is prohibited.
18. A permit is required for use of facilities for the purpose of commercial still, video, or motion picture photography.



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19. Hours of Operation

All Parks and Recreation facilities are open Sunrise to Sunset, except as noted below:

- a. Compo Beach – 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
All cars must vacate by midnight.
Compo Beach playground opens at sunrise and closes at sunset
- b. Burying Hill Beach – 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- c. Longshore Club Park – Open 24 hours a day except as otherwise posted.
 - Hendrick's Point golf range opens at 7:00 a.m. – closes at sunset, Monday through Thursday.
 - Hendrick's Point golf range opens at 7:00 a.m. – closes at 5:00 p.m., Friday through Sunday.
 - Hendrick's Point picnic area opens at 5:00 p.m. – closes at sunset, Friday through Sunday.
- d. Greens Farms softball field – Opens sunrise – closes at sunset. Lighted athletic field is available April through October, by written permit only until 11:00 p.m.
- e. The Levitt Pavilion grounds close one hour after conclusion of performances during the performance season. During off-season, the grounds close at sunset.
- f. Old Mill Beach – 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- g. Old Mill Parking Lot – Open 24 hours a day, except as otherwise posted.

II. ANIMALS

1. ALL PROPERTIES

- a. Dogs running free must be under control and in sight of their owners/handler at all times.
- b. Owners or Handlers must pick up their dog's feces and properly dispose of it.
- c. Horses are prohibited unless permission is granted in writing by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- d. Working animals hired by the Town are permitted.

2. ATHLETIC FIELDS

- a. Animals are prohibited from any athletic field at any time.
Exception – Working animals hired by the Town.

3. PLAYGROUNDS

- a. Animals are prohibited at any time.
Exception – Working animals hired by the Town.

4. LUCIANO PARK

- a. Animals are prohibited at any time.
Exception - Working animals hired by the Town.



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II. ANIMALS – (continued)

5. **BARON'S SOUTH**

- a. No dogs allowed at any time.
Exception – Working animals hired by the Town.

6. **BEACHES – Compo / Burying Hill / Old Mill**

From April 1 to September 30.

a. **Compo Beach**

Animals are prohibited, either in or out of vehicles, on all Town owned property south of Compo Beach Road and all Town owned property east of Soundview Ave., terminating at the jetty.

Exceptions – 1) When going to and from boats berthed at Ned Dimes Marina.
2) The grass area along Compo Beach Road from Owenoke Park up to delineated area.
3) Working animals hired by the Town.

b. **Old Mill**

Animals are prohibited, either in or out of vehicles, on all Town owned property from the start of Old Mill Road eastward, including Old Mill Road, up to and including the Town owned property adjacent to the tidal gates.

Exceptions – 1) Animals residing within, or visiting residents of, Old Mill and Compo Mill Cove.
2) The grass area along Hillspoint Road up to delineated area.
3) Working animals hired by the Town.
4) Animals are permitted, walking on leash, on the northern most section of Old Mill Road from Hillspoint Road up to and including the easements and Town owned property adjacent to the tidal gates.

c. **Burying Hill**

Animals are prohibited, either in or out of vehicles, on all Town owned property south of the entrance on Beachside Ave.

Exception – Working animals hired by the Town.

d. **Soundview Lot**

Animals are permitted, either in or out of vehicles. Animals going to and from such vehicles must be on a leash.

Exception – Working animals hired by the Town.

e. **Marinas**

Persons with animal(s) at Ned Dimes Marina (Compo Beach) and E.R. Strait Marina (Longshore Club Park) must have said animal(s) on a leash.

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II. ANIMALS – (continued)

f. Dog Free Area

Animals are not permitted in the covered pavilion area of Compo Beach, on the boardwalks/walkways or in the area between the boardwalks/walkways and the exit road (includes playground and volleyball courts at any time).

Exception – Working animals hired by the Town.

g. Dogs On Leash -

Dogs, where permitted, must be kept on leash or lead under the control of the owner or keeper, except in areas designated as off-leash dog area. On leash areas include all parking lots, roadways and grass areas.

Exception – Working animals hired by the Town.

h. Off-Leash Area For Dogs - (Compo only)

1. Dogs are permitted off-leash in the area of the beach delineated by a line of demarcation to be established and maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department. The off-leash area may be expanded or reduced at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Director
 2. Owners or handlers must accompany their dogs at all times within the off-leash area.
 3. Owners or handlers must have a leash at all times within the off leash area.
- Exception – Working animals hired by the Town.

7. **WINSLOW PARK**

Dog Free Area

No dogs permitted at Winslow Park at the south end of park (between Post Road East and the path West of parking lot, and between Powers Court and North Compo Road).

Dogs on Leash

Dogs, where permitted, must be kept on leash or lead under the control of the owner or keeper, except in areas designated as off-leash dog area.

Off-Leash Area for Dogs

1. Dogs are permitted off-leash in the area at the North End of the park delineated by the fence.
 2. Owners or handlers must accompany their dogs at all times within the off-leash area. Owners or handlers must have a leash at all times within the off-leash area
- Exception – Working animals hired by the Town.

8. **SHERWOOD MILL POND PRESERVE (MILL POND)**

No dogs allowed at any time.

Exception – Working animals hired by the Town.



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9. LONGSHORE CLUB PARK

1. Dogs, where permitted, must be kept on leash or lead under the control of the owner or keeper at all times.
2. Dogs are prohibited from the golf course, driving range, and golf teaching area at all times.
Exception – Working animals hired by the Town.



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III. PARKING EMBLEMS, HANDPASSES AND PERMITS

1. PARKING EMBLEMS

- a. Valid and current parking emblem is required to park in areas designated by the Westport Parks and Recreation Department as follows:
 - i. Compo Beach – May 1 to September 30
 - ii. Burying Hill Beach – Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day
 - iii. Old Mill Beach – May 1 to September 30 (valid only 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.)
A valid Old Mill Resident Parking Permit or Guest Permit shall also satisfy this requirement.
 - iv. Longshore Lot C & D (Tennis / Pool / Sailing School) – Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day
 - v. Longshore Lot E & (Marina) – Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day

2. HANDPASSES

- a. A Parks and Recreation handpass is required for resident privileges related to the use of the Town of Westport's golf, tennis and Longshore swimming pool facilities, and for participation in designated Parks and Recreation Department sponsored programs.

3. ELIGIBILITY

The following are eligibility for privileges of the Parks and Recreation Department as outlined below and subject to the applicable fees.

a. Westport Residency Requirements

Any one (1) of the following:

- i. Being a residential property owner (a new resident must show deed or some portion of closing papers). Privileges extend to a spouse and children age 26 or under living in his or her household.
- ii. Being a full-time Town Employee (or retired employee receiving full benefits). Privileges extend to a spouse and children age 26 or under living in his or her household.

If the items listed above do not apply, then documents from each category must be provided. Additional information may be required. All documentation must be in the same name and address of the applicant.

Minimum of two (2) items from Category One

Category One:

- iii. Current driver's license or State issued ID showing Westport address
- iv. Current vehicle registration showing Westport address
- v. Residential lease (for a minimum of one (1) year or more) in applicant's name



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3. ELIGIBILITY – (continued)

AND

Minimum of one item from Category Two

Category Two:

- vi. Utility bill
- vii. Credit card statement
- viii. Checking account statement

b. **Other Eligible Parties:**

- i. Any resident of the Town of Weston, taxpayer or tenant who is renting for one year or more is eligible for parking emblems and ramp/launch permits only.
- ii. Any Summer tenant renting a house or lodging in the Town of Westport for one month or more after presentation of a motor vehicle registration and lease, or sworn affidavit from the landlord. (*Entitling fees apply*)
- iii. Any association, corporation, business or individual owning commercial real estate in the Town of Westport, and paying property taxes thereon, is entitled to have one individual designated as eligible to purchase parking emblems and limited privilege handpasses. Privileges extend to a spouse and children age 26 and under living in his or her household. (*Entitling fees apply*)
- iv. Non-residents who would not otherwise be eligible for a parking emblem may purchase a parking emblem on a first come-first served basis at an approved non-resident fee. (Sales limited to 350 emblems)
- v. Any senior citizen (age 62 or over) or handicapped person who is a resident of the Town of Westport, and who does not own a motor vehicle, shall be entitled to purchase a parking emblem which upon presentation shall admit any motor vehicle in which that senior citizen or handicapped person is a passenger.
- vi. Old Mill Resident Parking Permit – Owner or current resident of each residential property on Old Mill Road and Compo Mill Cove is eligible to purchase two (2) Old Mill Resident Parking Permits and two (2) Old Mill Guest Parking Permits.



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3. ELIBILITY – (continued)

- vii. No handpass shall be issued to any person listed on the Connecticut Sex Offender Registry for any activity taking place during periods of time when school is in session on or adjacent to any school property. Such individual shall receive written notice denying the handpass sent by certified mail, return receipt requested. Any such individual denied a handpass shall have the right to appeal this decision within fourteen (14) days of the date of the denial by sending a written request mailed by certified mail to the Director, Parks and Recreation Department. Upon receipt of such written request, a hearing shall be scheduled before the Parks and Recreation Commission within thirty (30) days to review the original denial.
- c. A current motor vehicle registration (or copy) is required when obtaining a parking emblem.
- d. Transferring of parking emblem, handpass, permit, boating assignment or bathhouse assignment is prohibited. I.D. (picture license, etc.) may be requested to prove ownership of parking emblem, handpass, permit, boating assignment, or bathhouse assignment.
- e. Obtaining a parking emblem, handpass, permit boating assignment, bathhouse assignment or registration for recreation programs under false pretenses is prohibited.
- f. Aiding any non-resident or person not eligible in getting a parking emblem, handpass, permits, boating assignment, bathhouse assignment, or in registration for recreation programs is prohibited.
- g. Failure to return a parking emblem, handpass or permit when under suspension is prohibited.
- h. Emblems shall not be issued to any person's delinquent in their motor vehicle taxes, and/or outstanding parking tickets.
- i. Temporary parking emblems, handpasses or permits may be issued under the Policies and Procedures of the Parks and Recreation Department.
- j. Lost or stolen emblems shall be replaced at an approved replacement price, after an affidavit, supplied by the Parks and Recreation Office is completed and notarized.
- k. All emblems shall be affixed on the motor vehicle in a location and manner prescribed by the Westport Parks and Recreation Department.



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IV. PARKING & TRAFFIC

1. Daily pass parking at Compo Beach is permitted only in designated area. Violators will be subject to a parking ticket per day.
2. Parking is permitted in designated parking areas only, unless prior written permission is granted from the Westport Parks and Recreation Department.
3. Any Police Officer / Special Police Officer / Traffic Agent, or Parks and Recreation employee who may be designated by the Director, shall have charge and control over vehicular and pedestrian traffic on all roads on Parks and Recreation property. They may determine “No Parking” areas and other traffic authority, when needed. The direction on such traffic signs may be disregarded only on order of an authorized Officer.
4. No person shall disobey the direction of any traffic officer or town employee authorized to direct traffic on Parks and Recreation property.
5. Motor vehicles with a valid and current emblem are permitted to park in areas designated by the Westport Parks and Recreation Department as listed in Section III.
 - a. Emblem does not guarantee a parking space or entrance to the beach area when parking lots are full.
 - b. Vehicles **PARKED** in beach areas (Compo Beach, Burying Hill Beach, Old Mill Beach Parking Lot and Longshore Club Park) without current parking emblem shall be subject to a parking ticket per day.
 - c. Parking on the exit roads at Longshore Club Park from the E.R. Strait Marina to the sub-station is prohibited
6. Vehicles with attached trailers can park in designated areas only. Violators will be subject to a parking ticket per day.
7. Parking of detached trailers is prohibited in any part of Compo Beach or Longshore Club Park except in areas designated for seasonal drystall assignments. Violators will be subject to a parking ticket per day.
8. Parking for vehicles without a valid Parking Emblem in Longshore Club Park is restricted to persons using the Longshore facilities.
9. Comp Beach and Burying Hill Beach are the only beaches in which a daily fee may be paid to enter, if parking is available.
10. Old Mill Resident Parking Permit or Guest Permit is required to be posted on any vehicle parked in the Old Mill Beach Parking Lot between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. year round.
11. Parking at Sherwood Mill Pond Preserve (191 Hillspoint Road) is restricted to persons using the property. Vehicles left unattended shall be subject to a parking ticket per day.



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V. CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL / GLASS CONTAINERS

1. Glass bottles and glass containers are prohibited on all beaches, parking lots, parks, athletic fields and any other property under the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Department.
2. It shall be unlawful for any minor to possess or consume alcoholic beverages upon or within the beaches, parks, or any other parks and recreation property. (The term minor as outlined in Town Ordinance 6-6).
3. The consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages at beaches between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. between October 1 and May 1 is prohibited.
4. Beer kegs or other containers of beer in excess of one (1) liter is prohibited.
5. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at Compo Beach facility (parking lots, athletic fields, basketball courts, skate park, beach front area, and grass areas) without a prior written permit issued by the Parks and Recreation Department, the exception being the South Beach picnic area.



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VI. BEACH RULES

1. Dressing or undressing in motor vehicles or on beach areas other than designated facilities is prohibited.
2. All watercraft (including windsurfers) are prohibited from launching off or beaching on beach front areas between April 15 and November 1, except in the designated sailing area on South Beach.
3. Bicycle riding, rollerblading, and roller skating are prohibited from walkways and boardwalk areas.
4. Skateboarding is prohibited in parking lots, along roadways and boardwalks/walkways. Skateboarding is permitted only in the designated skate park area.
5. Swimming shall be allowed in designated bathing/swim areas only. Areas are designated by red and white swim buoys.
6. Beach operating hours and dates:
 - a. Compo Beach season – May 1 to September 30. Hours: 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. All cars must vacate by midnight.
 - i. Middle parking lots shall be designated “No Parking” from 8:30 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.
 - ii. Compo Pavilion closes at sunset unless written permission is granted by the Westport Parks and Recreation Department
 - b. Soundview Lot season – May 1 to September 30. Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. except by prior permission from the Parks and Recreation Department and under the conditions required by the Parks and Recreation Department.
 - c. Longshore Marina, Pool and Tennis Parking Lots season -- Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day
 - d. Burying Hill Beach season -- Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day. Hours: 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 - e. Old Mill Beach Season -- May 1 to September 30.
7. Fishing in bathing/swim area is prohibited unless permission is granted by the Parks and Recreation Department.
8. Between May 1 and September 30, the use of flotation devices such as boogie boards and skim boards are permitted at the discretion of the Waterfront Director. The use of watercraft including, but not limited to, kayaks, paddle boards, kite surfers, windsurfers and aircraft are permitted only in the designated non-bathing/swim area off South Beach.
9. Flotation devices are prohibited in designated bathing/swim areas with the exception of Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) Type I, II, or III. A child using a personal flotation device must be accompanied in the water by an adult.
10. No person shall engage in any athletics, games or contest except swimming at any public beach, except in areas designated for that purpose by the Westport Parks and Recreation Department.
11. The use of scuba and skin-diving equipment is prohibited off all beach front property unless prior written permission is granted by the Westport Parks and Recreation beach staff.



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12. Buses are prohibited unless prior written permission is granted by the Westport Parks and Recreation Department.
13. Non-official vehicles are prohibited from beachfront areas.
14. Pavilion at Compo Beach is designated for public use and may not be reserved for private parties. Cooking and possession of alcohol in this area is strictly prohibited.
15. Sound produced or amplified from any instrument or sound-making device may not be plainly audible beyond a distance of 20 feet from the source of the sound unless otherwise permitted.
16. The use of barbeque grills at Compo Beach shall be limited to South Beach only and shall be properly extinguished before departure. Open burning is prohibited unless authorized by both the Parks and Recreation Department **and** the Fire Marshall's Office.
17. Bathhouses and dressing rooms
 - a. Bathhouses and dressing rooms shall be assigned according to the policies of the Parks and Recreation Department.
 - b. All personal effects must be removed from bathhouses and dressing rooms by September 30.
 - c. As of October 1, personal property left in the bathhouses or dressing rooms shall be removed by the Parks and Recreation Department and shall be disposed of by them without further notice.
 - d. All bathhouse and dressing room assignees shall provide a suitable lock and shall keep the door of such facility locked during the season.



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VII. LONGSHORE CLUB PARK (Miscellaneous)

GOLF

1. Skating or sliding is prohibited on any pond or water hole on the course.
2. Sledding or skiing are prohibited unless signs authorizing such use are posted.
3. Unlicensed drivers are prohibited from operating motorized golf carts.

GUEST PRIVILEGES

1. No guest shall be admitted to Longshore Club Park recreational facilities unless accompanied by a Westport resident in possession of his/her individual pass. Such guests shall be required to pay the guest fee at the area to be used by said guest.
2. Tournaments and other Special Events at the Longshore facility may be permitted in accordance with written policy of the Parks and Recreation Department, subject to fees established by the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Westport Board of Selectmen. The Parks and Recreation Department may waive the requirement that guests be accompanied by a Westport resident in possession of a handpass for such Tournaments and Special Events.

LONGSHORE INN GUEST

1. Any guest staying (overnight sleeping guest) at the Inn, who is issued the Special Inn handpass shall be admitted to Longshore Club Park parks and recreational facilities upon payment of fees as approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Westport Board of Selectmen. Guest privileges for the golf course are limited to two persons per unit, the payment of the fee for golf, and said guests may not bring another guest.



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VIII. YACHT BASINS AND MARINAS

1. Any residential property owner who resides within the Town of Westport or renter who resides within the Town of Westport, shall be entitled to apply for a boating assignment or ramp permit at the Ned Dimes Marina (at Compo Beach) or the E.R. Strait Marina, if the following conditions are met at the time the boating assignment is granted. Copies of the deed and/or the residential lease of over one (1) year in the name of the applicant shall be required.
 - a. The boat must be properly registered with the State of Connecticut. Proof of the applicant's Connecticut boating registration must accompany their annual renewal form.
2. After drystalls have been assigned to Westport applicants who qualify under Section A, applications of other persons will be considered, space permitting, after May 15 of each year in the following order: Town of Westport employees, Weston resident, payers of the entitling fee, and Westport summer residents and non-resident parking emblem holders.
3. No boat assignment other than those authorized by the Parks and Recreation Department shall be permitted at the Ned Dimes Marina (at Compo Beach) or the E.R. Strait Marina.
4. Boats may occupy assignment berth from April 1 to November 30, and drystall vessels may occupy assignment berth from May 1 – November 30. No services (sales or security), will be provided during April and November. All boats must be removed from Town marinas and property by November 30.
 - a. Boats, vessels or trailers remaining after December 1, will be charged a \$30 per day storage fee until the property is removed.
 - b. Boats, vessels or trailers remaining after December 15, will be considered abandoned and will be removed from their assignment at the cost of removing the item(s), but not less than \$25. The owner will be charged a \$5 per day storage fee until the property is removed and shall be subject to loss of assignment. After sixty days, each item will be auctioned off in accordance with state statutes.
5. Joint ownership of boats will not be recognized by the Parks and Recreation Department for the purpose of assigning boating assignments; assignments will have to be made in one person's name, if he/she qualified. Proof of the applicant's ownership interest is required. When a boating assignment is relinquished, the Parks and Recreation Department will reassign it from the waiting list.
6. No family residing in one dwelling may have more than one boating assignment in the water per season until all on the waiting list are satisfied.
7. No boating assignment shall be granted to commercial vessels.
8. Boating assignment renewal applications must be returned to the Parks and Recreation Department within thirty (30) days from the date they are mailed by the Parks and Recreation Department, or the boating assignment will be reassigned. Boating assignment renewal billings must be paid within thirty (30) days of the billing date. All other boating assignment billings must be paid within fifteen (15) days of the billing date. Boating assignment will be reassigned if the bill is not paid within the time set forth above.



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9. Vessels shall be berthed only at locations designated by and in a manner approved by the Parks and Recreation Department.
10. Drystalls shall be located in areas as designated by the Parks and Recreation Department. Vessels assigned to a drystall shall be kept in assigned stall at all times when not in use. Unassigned vessels using the Ned Dimes Marina (at Compo Beach) or E.R. Strait Marina facilities will be charged the daily guest fee.
11. Speed of vessels in basins shall not exceed three (3) miles an hour and leave a controlled wake or no wake.
12. No trash, garbage, oil, waste or heads (toilets) shall be discharged or deposited in basins or on the shore.
13. Gear, trailers, vessels and other property are prohibited from parking areas not designated for such use, unless, a prior written permit is issued by the Parks and Recreation Department.
14. All boat owners shall keep their boats bailed out and in such a condition so as not to cause a hazard to docks or adjacent boats; this is not the responsibility of the basin or marina attendants. Owners will be responsible for damage done to docks or adjacent boats. No part of boat is to extend over the dock. Boat owners that persist in neglecting their boats' condition will be subject to the loss of their boating assignment.
15. Advertising signs shall not be displayed from vessels, docks or land areas adjacent to the Ned Dimes Marina (at Compo Beach) or E.R. Strait Marina.
16. Owners of vessels shall provide dock lines of no less than 3/8" diameter and in good condition. Each boat owner shall check with the Dock Master as to the proper way to tie up the boat according to their assignment.
17. Gas docks, service floats and adjacent floats shall not be occupied by any vessel for more than thirty minutes, nor shall any vessel use these floats for wash downs except in those designated areas. Vessels that violate this rule will be removed at the owner's risk and expense, unless permission has been granted by the Dock Master only.
18. Vessels may be launched and hauled out at the three designated areas at the Ned Dimes Marina (at Compo Beach). Cars are prohibited from using the boat ramp on South Beach. The ramp at E.R. Strait Marina may be used for seasonal launching and hauling. Launching of kayaks, paddle boards or canoes is permitted from the E.R. Strait ramp with a valid season launch permit.
19. Launching kayaks, paddle boards and canoes ONLY is permitted from Sherwood Mill Pond Preserve with a valid season launch permit.
20. Owners are responsible for damage done by their vessels, to docks, floats, and other vessels.
21. Any violation of these regulations shall be reported to the Parks and Recreation Department or its representative at the Ned Dimes Marina (at Compo Beach) or E.R. Strait Marina.
22. Boat owners may not nail or attach fastenings to floats, or mark the floats or berths except with the prior written permission from the Maintenance Supervisor.
23. Power washing and bottom painting of boats is prohibited at town marina facilities.



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VIII. YACHT BASINS AND MARINAS – (continued)

24. Sailing is prohibited in Ned Dimes Marina (at Compo Beach) and E.R. Strait Marina.
25. Water skiing is prohibited in the basins or channels leading thereto.
26. Swimming is prohibited in the water of the E.R. Strait Marina, Ned Dimes Marina (at Compo Beach), the Longshore Channel and the Compo Channel.
27. Any person desiring to enter or leave the marina facilities via the pedestrian ramps during the season between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. is required to register in writing with the security guard on duty. The security guard is authorized to deny access to persons refusing to comply with the sign-in procedure.
28. A boating assignment not occupied on or before June 15, will be subject to loss of boating assignment, unless prior written permission is granted by the Parks and Recreation Department.
29. Open fires are prohibited at the E.R. Strait Marina and the Ned Dimes Marina (at Compo Beach), including the areas surrounding the marina facilities and aboard all vessels.
30. Westport residents wishing to trailer their boats into Compo Beach and utilize the boat launching ramps may do so upon the purchase of a ramp permit or by paying the daily launch fee.
31. Weston residents wishing to purchase a ramp permit may do so; a limit of twenty-five (25) ramp permits will be sold to Weston residents.
32. All watercraft entering in or on top of a vehicle (i.e., kayak, canoe, paddle board, windsurfer, , sunfish, or small sailboat) at the E.R.Strait Marina and Ned Dimes Marina, must purchase an annual launch permit or pay the daily launch fee. The annual launch permit and/or the daily launch pass is available to any person with a Westport beach emblem or a daily guest parking pass.
33. Fishing is prohibited in the Ned Dimes Marina (at Compo Beach), the perimeter of the Ned Dimes Marina (at Compo Beach), from the docks at Ned Dimes Marina (at Compo Beach), from the docks at E.R. Strait Marina or perimeter of E.R. Strait Marina during the boating season. Fishing from the docks may be granted by the Parks and Recreation Department.
34. Overnight sleeping is prohibited in boats at the Ned Dimes Marina (at Compo Beach) or the E.R. Strait Marina, unless permission is granted by the Parks and Recreation Department.
35. At the discretion of the Dock Master, water service may be discontinued any time after October 15, due to weather conditions.



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IX. ATHLETIC FIELDS

1. Only groups authorized by permit issued from the Westport Parks and Recreation Department shall use athletic fields for organized programs.
2. The Parks and Recreation Department has jurisdiction of all athletic fields except Staples from 5:30 p.m. to dark, Monday through Friday during the school year, all weekend hours, and all summer hours.
 1. When Staples High School athletic fields are under the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Department by permission of the Board of Education, all rules and regulations of the Parks and Recreation Department apply.
 2. All arrangements made concerning athletic field scheduling will be made through the Director of Parks and Recreation or his/her designee.
3. Motor vehicles and motorcycles are prohibited inside the fences boarding the Doubleday complex, including the area adjacent to the Police Athletic League clubhouse. Special permission may be obtained in writing from the Parks and Recreation Department office for vehicles, which are transporting materials into the complex, however, immediately unloading, the vehicles must be moved to the lower parking lots. "No Parking" signs will be posted in the area.
4. No shoes with metal spikes (such as, baseball and track shoes) will be allowed on the track. Persons responsible for programs will be obligated to enforce this requirement.
5. The hitting of baseballs at Luciano Park is prohibited by those in grade 2 or greater.

ANIMALS ON ATHLETIC FIELDS

1. Reference Section II - #2

GOLF ON ATHLETIC FIELDS

1. Reference Section I - #8



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X. COMMUNITY GARDENS

1. Gardening shall be permitted on the Community Gardens without any handpass when school is not in session. Gardeners may bring guests at any time when school is not in session.
2. Community Gardens are closed between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. weekdays when school is in session.
3. When schools is in session, all gardeners must have a Community Garden Photo Handpass.
4. A limited number of Community Garden guest passes may be issued by the Parks and Recreation Department if the guest is sponsored by a Community Garden handpass holder, subject to all other Parks and Recreation Regulations.

XI. PENALTIES

1. For any violation of these rules, the parking emblem, handpass, permit, bathhouse or boating assignment privileges may be revoked, and in the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Commission may not be renewed for the subsequent season. Any person who attempts to gain admission to an area where a handpass or permit is required when his/her handpass or permit has been suspended, or attempts to gain admission with a motor vehicle or motorcycle when the beach emblem has been suspended shall be subject to a fine of not more than ninety dollars.
2. Any person violating any of the rules and regulations governing the use of beaches, yacht basins, Longshore Club Park, parking lots, parks, athletic fields and any other property under the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Commission may, in addition, to any other action authorized by said rules, shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$90 (ninety dollars).
3. Forgery of symbol (parking emblem) or altering a parking emblem is a violation of the Connecticut General Statutes and will be treated as a Class A misdemeanor, maximum fine of up to \$1,000 and/or one year in jail. (See Connecticut General Statute's 53a-143.) Forgery or altering a parking emblem shall also result in suspension of privileges to be determined by the Parks and Recreation Commission.
4. Any decision of the Parks and Recreation Department may be appealed to the Parks and Recreation Commission for review.